

## **John Tyler to Andrew Jackson, April 18, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

class=MsoNormal>PRESIDENT TYLER TO JACKSON.

Washington, April 18, 1844.

My Dear Sir, You have learned ere this from others that the Treaty for the annexation of Texas, has been signed by the Commissioners on the part of the two governments. Its transmission to the Senate has been delayed for a few days for three reasons. 1. Lord Aberdeen had caused a letter to be addressed to this government disclaiming any intention to interfere with Texas in any direct action, as to its domestic institutions, and through it on the U. States; but at the same time avowing that the settled policy of the British govt. was to exert all her proper influence to produce abolition throughout the world, and that she had urged Mexico to recognize Texas upon the condition that Texas would abolish slavery. This letter required an answer which the Secretary of State has but now been able to prepare. 2. The necessity of copying numerous documents to be transmitted with the Treaty, which has consumed several days, and 3. The desire to have Mr. King's successor appointed and near at hand before the Treaty went in. 1 Other considerations have conjoined to render delay proper, which have not yet come sufficiently to head to be alluded to. These remarks of course, would not be publickly made, and you are troubled with them in consequence of extracts from your letters to Judge Williams having been read to me by him in which you urge despatch. You will see in the above reasons a sufficient explanation of the few days delay which will intervene between the signing of the Treaty, and its communication to the Senate. It will go in on Monday.

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1 William R. King, senator from Alabama, resigned Apr. 15, having been appointed minister to France. Dixon H. Lewis, appointed to succeed him as senator, did not take his seat till May 7.

It is difficult to anticipate the result of the final vote in the Senate on the Treaty. It has however appeared to me to be so mighty a question as ultimately to back down all opposition. My next effort will be, by vigorous measures to preserve the general peace.

For the part my dear Sir, that you have taken in this great matter, you have only added another claim to the gratitude of the country. God grant that you may live many years to enjoy the gratification incident to the reflections on a well spent life.

I pray you to be always assured of my highest regard and esteem.